



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: Kenneth W. Noland
Mitsuhide TAKAMURA)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 3653
Appln. No.: 10/688,389)	
		:	Confirmation No.: 1291
Filed: October 20, 2003)	
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For:	SHEET PROCESSING APPARATUS)	April 20, 2005
	FEATURING RELATIVELY-	:	
	DISPLACES STAPLED SHEET)	
	BUNDLES AND RELATED	:	
	METHOD)	

Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on October 20, 2003.

To date, Applicant has <u>not</u> received an Official Action on the merits from the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the case has been examined.

Applicant respectfully requests that an Official Action be issued in the aboveidentified application.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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